GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – A.P. Forest Department – Departmental Proceedings initiated against Sri B. Dhananjaya Rao, Assistant Conservator of Forests (Retired), earlier Divisional Forest Officer, Social Forestry Division, Srikakulam, Visakhapatnam Circle under Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 - Punishment of "withholding of 10% (ten percent) of pension permanently", against the Charged Officer - Imposed - Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.3 **Dated:20.01.2023**

Read the following:

1) From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, A.P., Guntur, Lr.Ref.No.12767/2019/A&DC-2, dated 24.12.2021.
2) Memo.No.2650/Sec.IV/A1/2021, EFS & T (Sec.IV) Dept., dated 10.05.2022.
3) From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, A.P., Guntur, Lr.Ref.No.12767/2019/A&DC-2, dated 23.09.2022.
4) From Sri B. Dhananjaya Rao, DFO (Retd.), formerly Sub-DFO, Koyyalagudem, further defense statement, dated 03.10.2022.
5) Letter.No.2650/Sec.IV/A1/2021, EFS&T (Sec.IV) Dept., dated 24.11.2022.
6) From the Secretary, APPSC, Lr.No.GAD03-APPS0DCC/119/2022-DC SEC-APPSC (Computer No.1930876), dated 11.01.2023.

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ORDER:

In the letter 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, A.P., Guntur has informed that the following Article of Charge was issued to Sri B. Dhananjaya Rao, Assistant Conservator of Forests, earlier Divisional Forest Officer, Social Forestry Division, Srikakulam, Visakhapatnam Circle by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, A.P., Guntur in Ref.No.12767/2019/Vig-1, dated 21.03.2020, under Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991:-

Article-I:"That the said Sri Balivada Dhananjaya Rao, ACF/Divisional Forest Officer, Social Forestry Division, Srikakulam had misused his official position and borrowed huge amounts in violation to Rule 8 of AP Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 and got decree from the Hon'ble Senior Civil Judge Court, Ramachandrapuram in Order through EP No.139/2018 dt.19.10.2018 in OS No.326/2016 for rs.10,83,658/- attachment of salary of Sri B. Dhananjaya Rao and monthly deduction of Rs.27,144/- P.M., from the salary for a period of 24 months".

2. The Charged Officer acknowledged the receipt of the Article of Charge on 24.03.2020 but did not submit his written defence statement. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, A.P., Guntur appointed the Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam Circle as Inquiry Officer and the Divisional Forest Officer, Srikakulam as Presenting Officer in Proc.No.12767/2019/Vig-1 (i&ii), dated 21.06.2020, for conducting the regular enquiry.

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3. The Inquiry Officer & Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam Circle has completed the inquiry and submitted his findings along with the connected case record in Rc.No.17/2020/M8, dated 03.12.2020, wherein the Inquiry Officer has concluded that the charge levelled against the Charged Officer is proved beyond any doubt.

4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, A.P., Guntur has communicated the findings of the Inquiry Officer to the Charged Officer in Ref.No.12767/2019/A&DC-2, dated 20.12.2020, for submission of further defence. The Charged Officer acknowledged the receipt of Final Notice on 29.11.2021 and submitted further defence statement on 13.12.2021 wherein, he did not submit any new/fresh points.

5. The disciplinary proceedings are continued under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980, since the Charged Officer has retired from Government Service on attaining the age of superannuation on 31.03.2020.

6. After careful examination of the matter, Government have taken a provisional decision to impose a punishment of "withholding of 10% (ten percent) of pension permanently" against Sri B. Dhananjaya Rao, Assistant Conservator of Forests (Retired), earlier Divisional Forest Officer, Social Forestry Division, Srikakulam, Visakhapatnam Circle, under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980. Accordingly, in Memo., 2nd read above, a Show-cause Notice was issued to the Charged Officer through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, A.P., Guntur. The Charged Officer has acknowledged the Show-cause Notice on 11.09.2022 and submitted his defense statement vide reference 4th read above wherein, he did not submit any new/valid points.

7. The Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission, in the letter 6th read above, has stated that the Commission agreed with the proposal of the Government, to impose a punishment of "withholding of 10% (ten percent) of pension permanently", against Sri B. Dhananjaya Rao, Assistant Conservator of Forests (Retired), earlier Divisional Forest Officer, Social Forestry Division, Srikakulam, Visakhapatnam Circle.

8. After careful examination of the entire issue, the Government hereby order to impose a punishment of "withholding of 10% (ten percent) of pension permanently" against Sri B. Dhananjaya Rao, Assistant Conservator of Forests (Retired), earlier Divisional Forest Officer, Social Forestry Division, Srikakulam, Visakhapatnam Circle, under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

9. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, A.P., Guntur shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDRHA PRADESH)

NEERABH KUMAR PRASAD
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri B. Dhananjaya Rao, Assistant Conservator of Forests (Retired), earlier Divisional Forest Officer, Social Forestry Division, Srikakulam, Visakhapatnam Circle through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Andhra Pradesh, Guntur.

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The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Andhra Pradesh, Guntur (with original record i.e., Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam Circle File No.17/2020/E/M8, containing CF–330 Pages and NF-08 Pages)

Copy to:

The Accountant General (A&E), Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri.
The Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Vijayawada.
The Secretary to A.P. Vigilance Commission, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi.
The PS to M (Energy, EFS & T, Mines&Geology).
The PS to Special Chief Secretary to Government, EFS & T Department.
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SECTION OFFICER